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The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, has a requirement to establish a long-term business relationship for the purpose of improving and sustaining military family housing communities at the following installations: Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bliss, Texas, with an option of adding White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico at a later date to the Fort Bliss project. Collectively, these projects are known as the Midwest Group. This requirement will be satisfied through the Army Housing privatization program known as the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI). RCI operates as part of the Congressionally authorized Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI). RCI employs best commercial practices in management, development, construction, maintenance and operation to meet the Army's longterm needs for military family housing. The Army will award one contract for each project. The selected offerors will work with the Army to create a Community Development and Management Plan (CDMP) that will describe a 50-year plan to develop, re-develop, construct, maintain and operate the housing assets at each of the particular Midwest Group projects.

The Army will solicit this requirement on an unrestricted basis using a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) format under solicitation No. DACA31-03-R-0003. The Army intends to publish the first portion of the Midwest Group RFQ on or about March 18, 2003. The first portion of the RFQ will seek, from interested offerors, a five-page submission addressing three Minimum Experience Requirements (MERs). The closing date for receipt of MER submissions will be on or about April 1, 2003. Upon conclusion of the evaluation of the MERs, the balance of the RFQ will be issued to those offerors who have satisfied the MERs and hence are eligible to further compete for the Midwest Group. Offerors will then have 30 calendar days to provide their submissions in response to the balance of the RFQ.

The Midwest Group RFQ and amendments will be available at the Army RCI web page at http://rci.army.mil. Selecting the "Midwest RFQ" button from the Army RCI web page will allow offerors to view and download the RFQ and amendments. Prospective offerors will be requested to register. Registered offerors will receive electronic notification when amendments are posted to the web page.

The Army will only respond to questions about the RFQ if they are received by electronic or facsimile medium. The Army will not reply to any question submitted later than 10 days prior to a submission deadline. All comments or questions by e-mail should be directed to Barbara.hawthorne@usace.army.mil. If by facsimile, comments or questions should be directed to Barbara Hawthone at (301) 677-3005. Army responses to questions will be issued in the form of an amendment to the RFQ and can be found at http://rci.army.mil.